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of assault by one of the prisoners who was released, that he was assaulted by a warder. That cannot be said to be a lathi charge. The prisoner who was released was asked to be present for an enquiry the next day. As he did not turn up, the enquiry has to be dropped.''

Extent of waste lands brought under cultivation in Amarajamethipuram village, Tanjore district.

* 864 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable waste lands in Amarajamethipuram village of Pattukkottai taluk in Tanjore district;

(*b*) the extent brought under cultivation by the landless poor; and

(*c*) the amount collected as penalty for cultivating these lands in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—

'' (*a*) 172·82 acres.

'' (*b*) 10·18 acres.

'' (*c*) No penalty was collected from them.''

Local Fund Hospital, Payyanur, Malabar.

* 865 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount, if any, sanctioned by the Government for medicine to the Local Fund Hospital, Payyanur, Malabar, during the financial year 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number of in-patients and out-patients who got treatment in the hospital during the same period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—'' (*a*) Nil, Sir.

''(*b*) In-patients—76.

Out-patients—11,265.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—'' In view of the fact that there are many out-patients attending the hospital and in view of the fact that this hospital is intended for about two lakhs of population, will the Government be pleased to convert this hospital into a Government hospital, or will the Government be pleased to allot more money for medicine, food and other things in this hospital.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—'' It is a Local Fund Hospital maintained by the Malabar District Board and the Malabar District Board has allotted a sum of Rs. 3,000 for the purchase of medicines in this hospital during 1952–53. When proposals are received for provincialization, the question will be considered.''